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FRESHMEN HOLD DINNER.

Messrs. Rand and Mahan Talk on Subjects of Interest.

On the occasion of their first class dinner Monday evening at the Union, sixty Freshmen presented themselves and did full justice to the elaborate menu arranged by K. D. Godfrey, chairman of the committee in charge.

Bursar F. H. Rand was introduced as the first speaker by H. H. Bennett, who acted as toastmaster. Contrary to precedent, Mr. Rand told no stories except an opening anecdote, saying that he was in a serious mood and wanted to have a heart to heart talk with the men who were to be with him for the four years to come. His first subject was the Tech Union itself. In a few words he outlined its history, telling how it had been established three years ago at the instigation of President Pritchett, and how, in spite of its inconveniences in size, location and decorations, it has since served to bring Technology students together in pleasant social intercourse. Although the Walker Memorial Building will in the near future replace the present establishment and greatly surpass it, Mr. Rand said he would always look back with pleasure to the old days when he used to gather of an evening with the students for a social time.

Mr. Rand spoke of athletics as an important means of self-development, and urged every man not to deny himself the privileges afforded by an athletic training. The Tech Show he considered an invaluable institution, whereby many students had a chance for training themselves and upholding Technology honor.

In regard to studies, Mr. Rand urged the Freshmen not to get discouraged, nor if they had already done well to fall back on their laurels, as the real pull, and one that has nearly conquered many a better man before, comes in the Sophomore year.

Mr. Rand urged those of the class who had missionary inclinations, to go into the work of the Tech House, where new men are greatly needed to take the places of the Seniors who will soon graduate.

Mr. Rand then said that the resignation of Mr. A. LeF. Derby, the President's secretary, had thrown upon him the responsibility of maintaining the Union, which he should endeavor to do in the excellent manner of his predecessor. Throughout his talk a vein of sadness tinged his words, which he explained in closing by reference to his deep regret for the resignation of "our beloved President." He realized now, he said, perhaps better than ever before, how close Dr. Pritchett had always been to him and to every one else, and what an irreparable loss the Institute is about to suffer.

Toastmaster Bennett next called on Mr. Mahan for a talk about

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ALUMNI MEET DECEMBER 29.

Annual Dinner to be Held at the Hotel Brunswick.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Alumni Association of the Institute is to be held at the Hotel Brunswick on Friday, December 29. The business meeting will be called to order at 5.30 P.M., and the dinner will be held immediately upon its conclusion, approximately at seven o'clock.

In view of the fact that the recent settlement of certain questions of Institute policy opens the way for active progress along definite lines, the following speakers, among others, have been invited to address the Association upon "The Future of the Institute:" President Henry S. Pritchett, Mr. Walter C. Kerr, of the firm of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr and Company, for the Profession; Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald for the Corporation; Prof. William T. Sedgwick for the Faculty, and Mr. William H. King, '94, for the Alumni.

The Corporation of the Institute at its regular meeting on December 13 amended its By-Laws to provide for representation of the Alumni in its membership. The amendments to the Constitution of the Alumni Association, made necessary by this action, will be presented for action, and other important business will be brought up for consideration.

Attention is called to the fact that former students not graduates may be invited to the dinner of the Association. The Secretary, Prof. A. G. Robbins, will be glad to receive the names and addresses of any to whom it is desired that invitations be sent.

The Executive Committee announces the election of the following Associate Members: E. W. Bowditch, '69, W. H. Godfrey, '98, C. C. Pierce, '86, Anne F. Rogers, '04, H. Snelling, '98, and F. A. Woods, '95.

NEW TECH CALENDAR OUT.

The Tech Calendar for this year just issued by MacLachlan shows excellent taste and arrangement and care in workmanship. The drawings are by I. B. Hazelton who is an old Tech man, well known to Tech alumni by his contributions to past *Techniques*, and to the outside public for his artistic work for the leading New York and Boston publishers. His drawing of the "Field Day Girl" is particularly good. The calendar will undoubtedly commend itself to the students as a suitable Christmas gift, especially as it is packed in suitable form for transportation through the mails.

A dancing department is to be added to the course of instruction at the University of Chicago. Miss Mary Hinman, an instructor in the university school, will teach the class, which is announced as a "course in social and gymnastic dancing."

CONCERT AT EIGHT SHARP.

Musical Clubs' Annual Affair to be Best Ever Given.

The Annual Winter Concert and Dance, the biggest social event of the winter at the Institute, takes place this evening in the New Century Building at 177 Huntington Ave. In previous years the concert has been somewhat late in beginning, but this year it will commence exactly at eight o'clock.

The management expects to make it the finest concert ever given by the musical clubs. The pieces to be played are to be a surprise to the audience, and therefore are not given out beforehand. Potter Hall seats about six hundred and fifty people, and six hundred of these seats have already been sold. The remainder will be on sale at the box-office this evening, so the seating capacity of the hall will probably be taxed to the limit.

A new departure has been made in the training of the clubs this year in securing coaches, and the improvement in the quality of the rendering of the selections is quite evident. Mr. Lyman F. Brackett, one of the best male culturists in Boston, has trained the Glee Club, while George L. Lansing has had charge of the Banjo Club.

LACROSSE LEAGUE FORMED.

An intercollegiate lacrosse league has been formed; eight colleges—Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, Lehigh, and Stevens Institute—will send delegates to the first annual meeting to be held in New York on Dec. 22. The proposed constitution divides the present league into a northern and a southern division; the championships of each division will be won after separate schedules, and a game then played to decide the national championship.

MECHANICAL ENG. SOCIETY.

To the members of the M.E. Society:

Through the kindness of Professor Miller we have been able to secure Mr. H. B. Gale of the Submarine Signal Co. to speak to us Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 P.M. Mr. Gale has several models of the apparatus that he wishes to show us and to use in connection with his talk. This ought to be a very interesting meeting.

The question of excursions will also be discussed, i. e. whether to run them now or to wait until spring, when the weather is more favorable.

Refreshments will be served after the lecture.

H. V. Coes, President.

Chicago and Michigan athletic authorities are arranging a meet with the University of Pennsylvania to be held indoors some time this winter.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20.

4.00 P.M. Third of Series of Choice of Course Lectures, in Huntington Hall.

8.00 P.M. Winter Concert and Dance of the Musical Clubs, at the New Century Building.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21.

1.30 P.M. Y. M. C. A. Meeting in 11 Pierce.

8.00 P.M. Dual Class Meet at the Gym.

8.00 P.M. Mechanical Engineering Society Smoker at the Tech Union.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22.

2.00 P.M. Convocation in Huntington Hall.

NOTICES.

UNION LUNCH.—The lunch room at the Union will not be open during the Christmas vacation.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING.—Mr. Guy Ham, Assistant U. S. District Attorney, will address the Y. M. C. A. at its weekly meeting in 11 Pierce at 1.30 P.M. tomorrow.

PROM COMMITTEE.—The ballots for the Junior Prom Committee were issued Monday and must be returned by Thursday at 4 P.M. No unsigned ballots will be accepted. Vote for five men.

MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Mining Engineering Society held last Wednesday evening, C. A. Gibbons, Jr., '08, was elected a member.

The speaker was Prof. Wm. P. Blake, Director of the Arizona School of Mines. He described conditions for getting an education in mining back as far as 1843, and then traced the development of many of the principal schools of today, all of which he has witnessed. He next enumerated the many-sided development necessary to a successful mining engineer and cited illustrations of difficulties experienced in out-of-way camps.

In the present generation of students, Prof. Blake said he expected great strides to be made in mining work and emphasized the need of ingenuity and original work.

Professor Richards gave a short talk thanking Prof. Blake for the class.

Professor Richards, Prof. Hoffman, Prof. Johnson, Dr. Fay and Mr. Locke were among the guests. One hundred and ten members were present.

Cornell's new board track for outdoor work has just been finished. The park is laid out near the gymnasium, and is swept clear of snow for the athletes to work out on. The cold weather that prevails in the early spring up in Ithaca makes this kind of arrangement necessary, so as to get the men used to competing in cold breezes.

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Wednesday, December 20, 1905.

WILLIAM A. NICHOLS, PRINTER, 208 SUMMER ST., REAR

Tonight's concert by the Musical Clubs will start at eight o'clock sharp, and it is to be hoped that everyone will be there on time.

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The first dual meet between the Sophomore and Freshman classes, to be held tomorrow, gives promise of being a success in every way. The number of Class entrees shows the unusual interest that is being taken, and both teams have been working enthusiastically. The rivalry between 1908 and 1909 is keen because of the close contests on Field Day. This is an excellent opportunity for the Freshmen to wipe out to a certain extent their defeat, while the Sophomores must win to hold the position gained last fall. In previous years the only winter contest between the classes was the Mid-Winter Meet, but as all the classes were represented, the lower class men had no just way of comparing their two teams. The events of the class games tomorrow will be closely contested, and an especially interesting meet may be expected. The Indoor Meet will be held as usual, but the question of superiority between 1908 and 1909 on an indoor track will have been already decided.

COMMUNICATION.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

EDITOR OF THE TECH:

Dear Sir, I read in THE TECH of December 11 a notice inviting the students of Technology to join the Massachusetts Corps of Coast Artillery. As a graduate of the Institute and as a member of the Corps I desire to heartily encourage all students and their friends who can possibly spare the time to enlist in this Military Organization for at least one period. Speaking from the experience of several years I feel that the military training received here is a distinct benefit.

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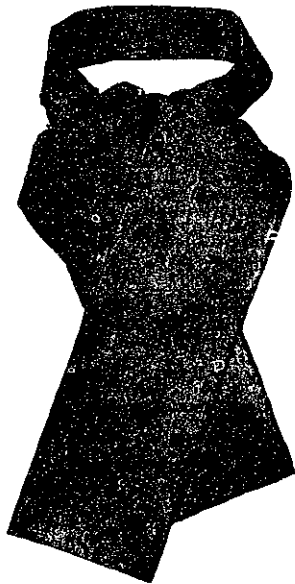
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athletics. The latter, however, said he felt it was not the time nor place to talk on athletics, but rather he should choose for his theme the spirit which every Technology man ought to have. Gazing on the members of the, as yet, plastic class, he said he often realized what great opportunities to meet each other and become well acquainted were constantly being passed by. The Freshmen are a class in the making; so far they have done well, but their future tendencies have yet to be developed. A strong organization can only be obtained by fostering a deal of spirit, which alone can accomplish wonders.

Mr. Mahan said he, too, felt the sad spell which the approaching loss to the Institute of President Pritchett cast over all. In his five years of work here he had come to be very close friends with Dr.

Pritchett, and called to mind in how many dilemmas in connection with his work he had been helped by the President.

President Scharff urged the necessity for more spirit and asked that the delinquent dues be made up. He then spoke for the class, regretting Dr. Pritchett's resignation, and going on to say that, although the latter was known individually to only a few members, his influence for good had already been deeply felt.

A few words by Whittaker, the manager of the track team, on the indoor meet tomorrow, concluded the evening.

Phi Beta Kappa, the society for recognition of scholarship in the literary and art courses at colleges, has recently made its annual awards of membership at Harvard. Seventeen seniors and eight juniors were chosen.

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